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Karen Musgrave Biography

Karen Musgrave is a quiltmaker, mask maker, teacher, speaker, writer, publicist and curator who works to provide a connection between American quilting and other cultures. Her work has been exhibited internationally and is in many private collections. Her projects include curating an exhibition of the African American quilts from Gee's Bend, Alabama, alongside quilts from the Republics of Georgia, Armenia and Kazakhstan. In 2006, she organized, curated and wrote the catalogue for an exhibition of American art quilts and Krygyz patchwork. Since July 2008, she has lead the quilt group Las puntadas del alma at the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago. She served on the national board of the Alliance for American Quilts as development chair, was involved for more than ten years with its oral history project *Quilters' S.O.S. – Save Our Stories* and curated their highly successful quilt contest and touring exhibit *Put a Roof Over Our Head*. She served on the board of the Kentucky Quilt Project, Inc. and was elected to the board of the Naperville Art League in June, 2010. Her book *Quilts in the Attic* (Voyageur Press) will be released in January, 2012. She lives in Naperville, Illinois.